My Research Career Path: Fogarty Emerging Global Leader Award Process and Lessons Learnt

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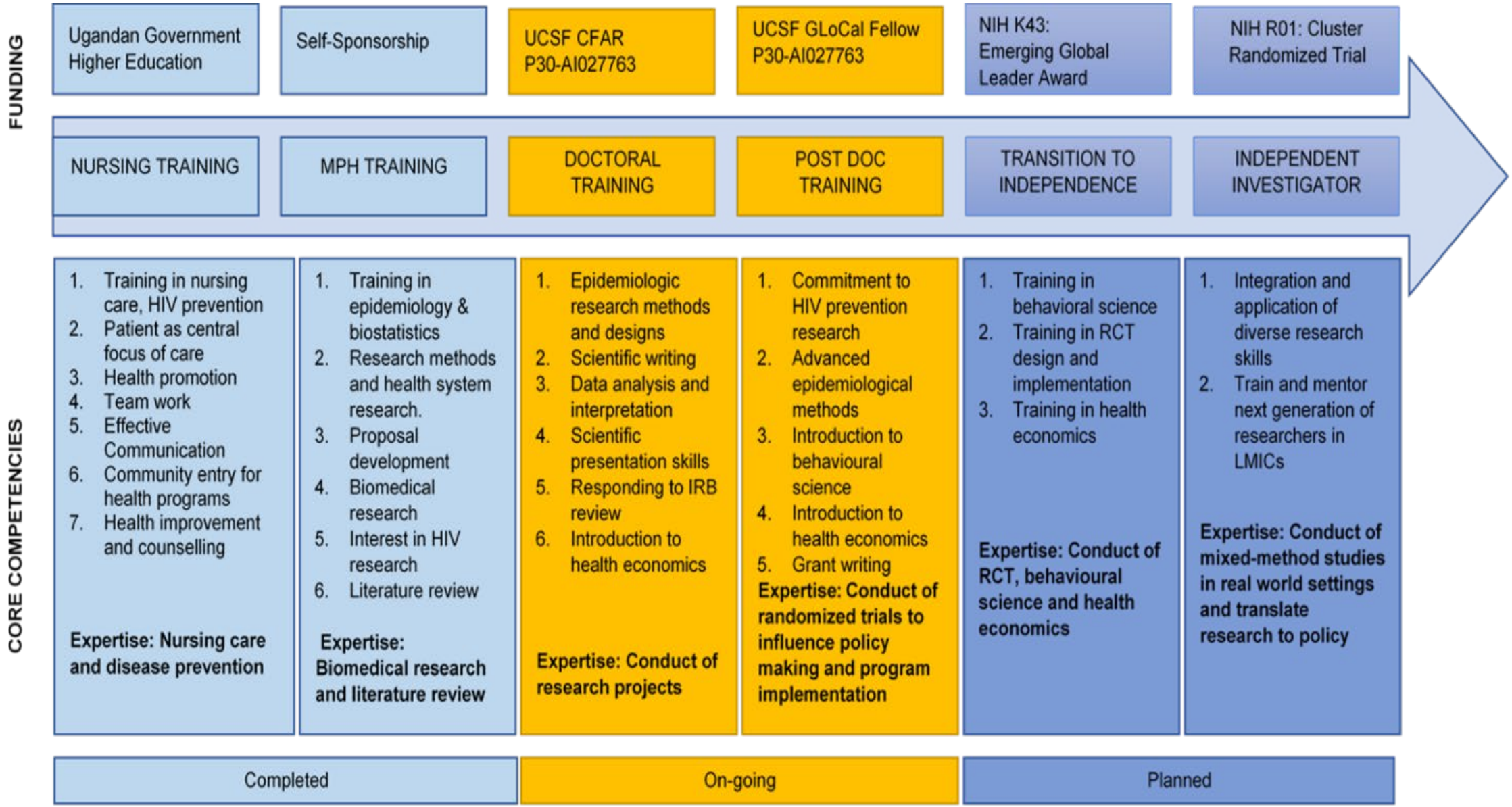
Presentation outline

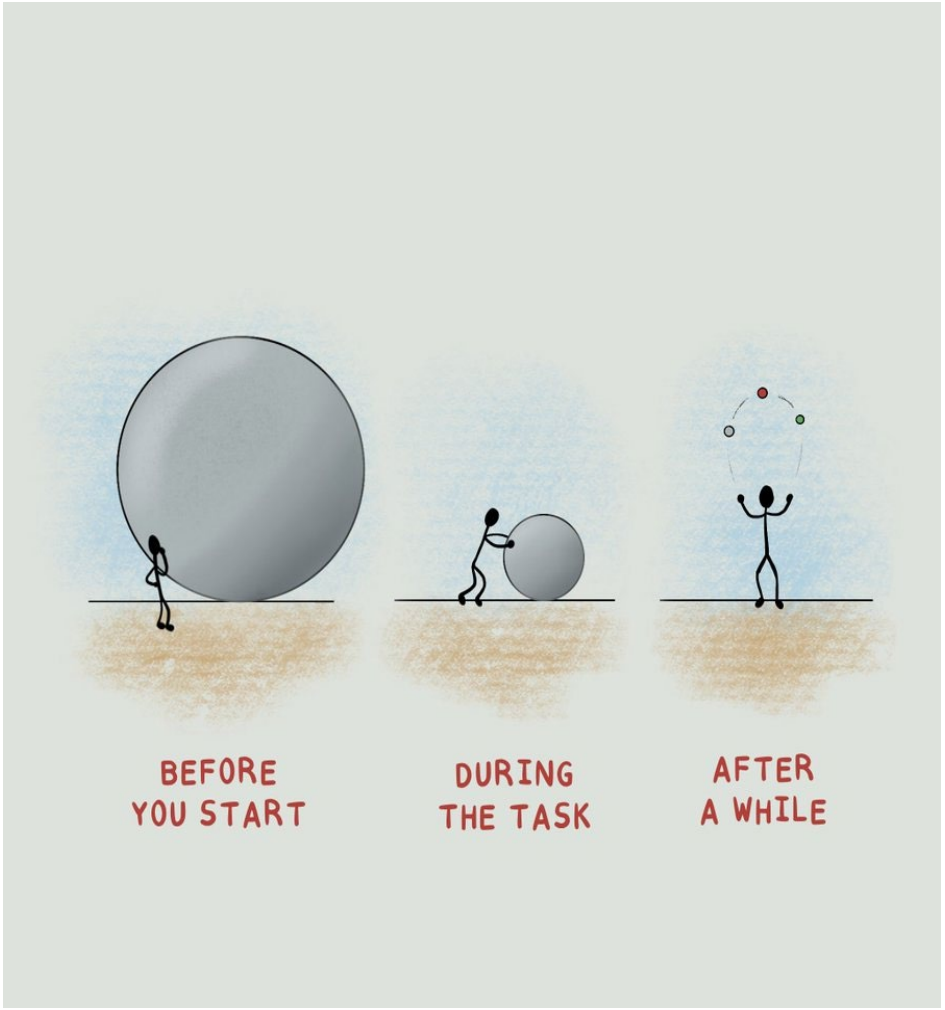
- Career Trajectory
- Path to Independence
- Process of applying for the K43
- Lessons learned

Career Trajectory



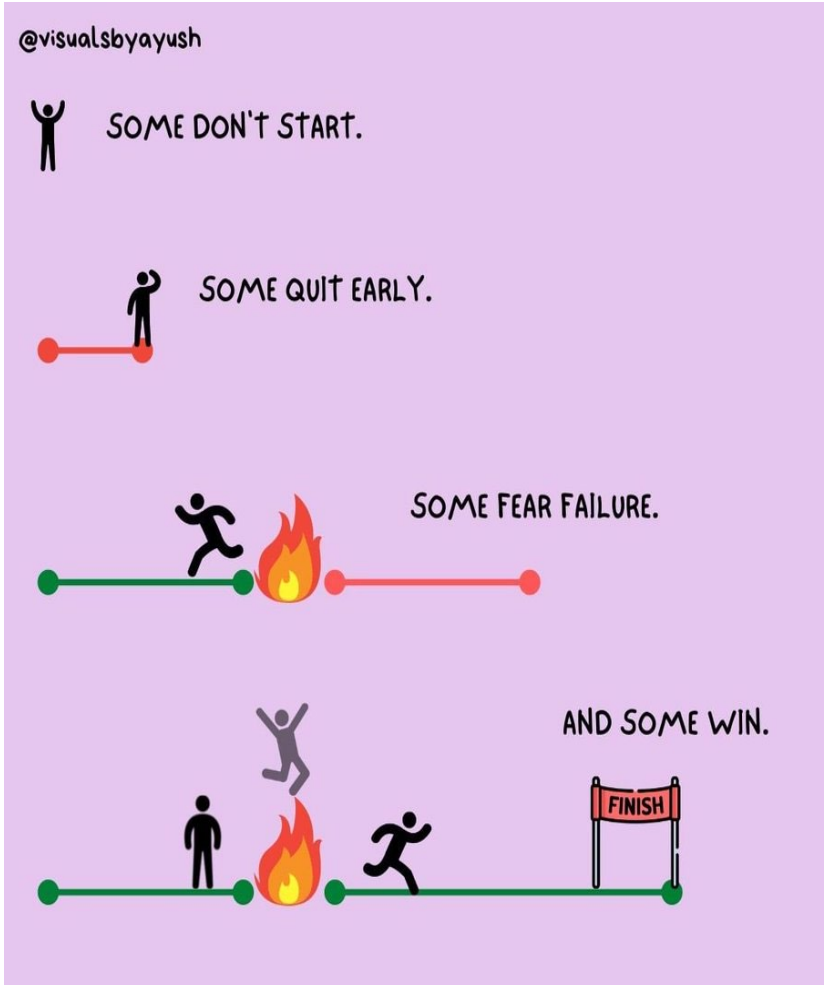
Process of applying for the K-Award

- Identify the K-mechanism that suits you as an applicant
- Review the K-RFA in detail while making a checklist and noting deadlines
- Identify the research ideas and training goals, use them to reach out to potential mentors
- Identify three professional referees - confidential reference letters to NIH



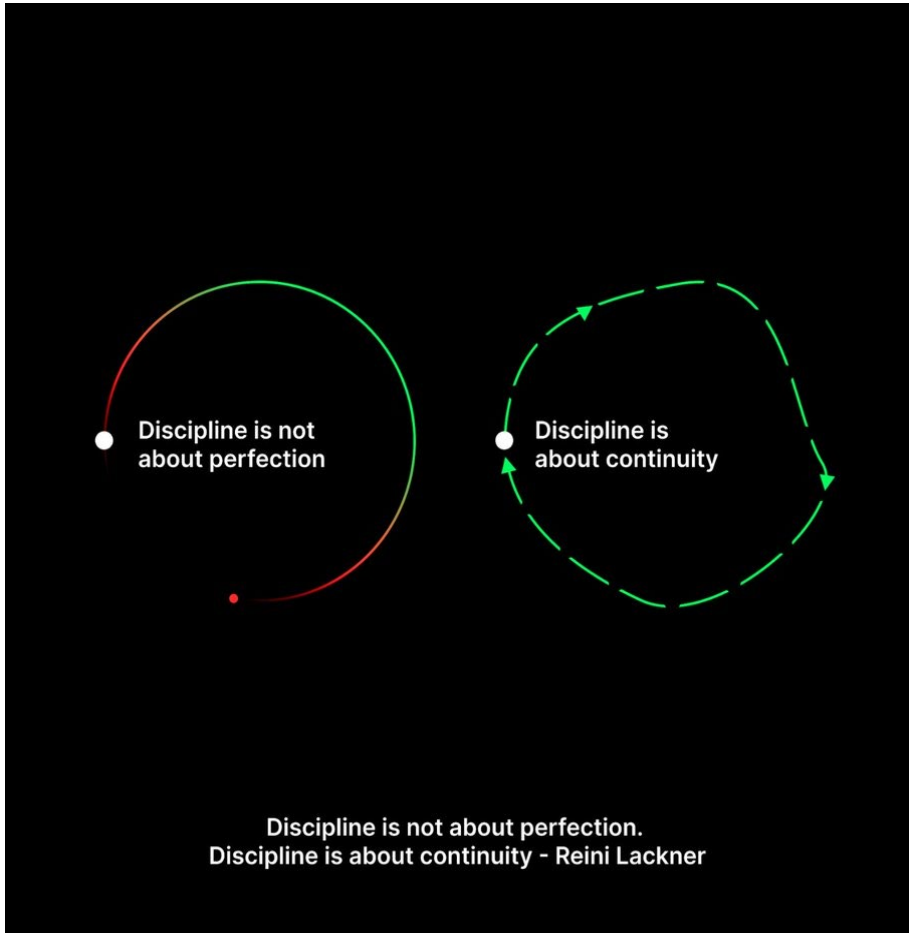
Process of applying for the K-Award…

- Notify the applicant organization you intend to apply through and complete key administrative clearances as per guideline
- Reach out to NIH program officer in charge of that particular call to:
  - share your Specific Aims
  - seek guidance and clarity on issues in RFA
- Reach out to previous applicants/awardees; they are a valuable resource
- Start early: 1 year preferred, 6 months desirable



Lessons Learned

- Read and understand the FOA
  - Identify eligibility and budget limits
- Contact NIH PO **early** in the application process
  - Share Specific Aims page for PO to assess fit with FOA, priority area for NIH
  - Solicit feedback on draft Aims
- Strictly follow NIH submission guidelines (page size, font, page limits) to avoid rejection during submission
- Befriend the grants officer at your institution who will submit your grant
- Submit early (at least two days) and check submitted application for accuracy



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